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Re: Fireworks Enforcement

To Fire & Law Enforcement Agencies

I am sure you are aware that the illegal importation, sale, and use of dangerous fireworks are a serious public safety concern. Upon my appointment as the California State Fire Marshal by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2004, I determined the enforcement of the State Fireworks Laws and Regulations to be one of my highest priorities. Towards that end, I have directed investigators from the Arson and Bomb Unit and deputy state fire marshals assigned to the Fire Engineering Division to formulate an enforcement plan to address this issue.

My investigators have contacted numerous federal, state and local public safety officials in preparing an Incident Action Plan (IAP) to address the illegal importation and sales of dangerous fireworks. I have been made aware of many departments' strong commitment to fireworks enforcement last year. I am requesting your assistance in working cooperatively to try to impact this criminal activity. My investigators will share our IAP and our current intelligence with interested fire and law enforcement organizations. I am requesting that you coordinate large scale enforcement actions or disposal of dangerous fireworks through my office.

Please contact my office at 888-FWX-ENFC (888-399-3632) to report or coordinate actions regarding dangerous fireworks. This number is for fire and law enforcement personnel only and is staffed 24 hours a day.

I would welcome any input, suggestions or other comments from you or your staff. I look forward to working cooperatively with you to reduce this threat to the citizens of California. Please feel free to contact me or any member of my staff at any time.

Sincerely,


RUBEN GRIJALVA
State Fire Marshal

cc: Fireworks Enforcement file